

## CHAPTER 8

### FIELD TRAINING

#### CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this Chapter, you should:

1. Understand the objectives of the field training component of this course.
2. Understand how field training is conducted, how long it will last, and what will be expected of you.
3. Understand the basis and procedures for evaluation of your performance during and at the conclusion of field training.
4. Understand the certification process for weights and measures inspectors in your jurisdiction.

#### INTRODUCTION

The next step in your study of vehicle-tank meters is field training. You will learn how the training will be conducted, how long it lasts, and what competencies you will be expected to acquire.

Since training schedules vary, your instructor will give you specific information about your field training program.

#### **Field Training - Director Supervision**

"Hands-on" field training is designed to reinforce what the inspector has learned about inspecting, testing, and evaluating vehicle-tank meters. During this training, the inspector will perform each step in a field examination of a device under the supervision of the instructor. The instructor will demonstrate and explain a procedure, then the inspector will perform that procedure. When this phase of the training program is completed, the inspector's field performance will be evaluated. The instructor will discuss the evaluation results with the inspector.

#### **Field Training - Indirect Supervision**

After demonstrating the ability to perform all procedures, the inspector will conduct field examinations under the supervision of the instructor or a certified inspector. The role of the instructor will be to observe and offer assistance, if needed.

Additional certified inspectors may be used as observers during this period. If so, they will complete an evaluation after each observation. The primary purpose of this phase is to expose the new inspector to

problems that may be encountered in the field and to give him or her the experience needed to function independently.

At the end of this phase, the inspector receives a final evaluation. At this stage one of three decisions must be made:

1. The inspector has clearly demonstrated that he or she has acquired the knowledge and achieved the level of qualifications necessary to meet the requirements for certification, or
2. The inspector has demonstrated weaknesses in some areas in which training should be repeated, or,
3. The inspector has demonstrated that he or she is unable to acquire the level of knowledge or degree of expertise necessary to test the devices covered by the module.

## **SUMMARY**

The field training phase of the inspector's study of vehicle-tank meters provides "hands-on" training. The inspector will receive step-by-step instruction in inspecting, testing, and evaluating devices. Then the inspector will perform examinations under the supervision of the instructor. If the inspector successfully completes this phase of the training program, he or she will be eligible for certification.